

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A system for recording and playback of television signals from a plurality of television channels, comprising:

a computer-based controlling central unit, connectible to a telecommunication network,

a plurality of television receivers, each connected to the controlling central unit, ~~for receiving and configured to receive~~ television signals ~~in each case~~ on one of the television channels,

~~one or more~~ a plurality of coding modules, connected to the television receivers, ~~for coding~~ configured to code the received television signals ~~in~~ into a digital format,

an instruction unit connected to the controlling central unit, configured to ~~being set up to receive and store~~ recording instructions from users via the telecommunication network, the recording instructions including a user identification, a channel number, and recording timing to store the received recording instructions, assigned in each case to a user identification for the respective user, and configured to instruct the controlling central unit and to select and store the television signals, coded in the digital format based on the recording instructions including, which have been received information on the a television channel specified by the stored recording instructions channel number, at a and the recording timing time specified by the stored recording instructions, assigned in each case to the user identification to which the respective stored recording instructions are assigned and configured to assign the user identification to the selected television signals, and

a playback module ~~for transmitting~~ configured to transmit the television signals stored in the digital format via the telecommunication network, ~~in each case~~ for playback on a

terminal of the user, who is identified by the user identification assigned to the respective stored television signals.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The system according to claim 1, wherein the controlling central unit is ~~set-up~~ configured to transmit, in accordance with the stored recording instructions, control signals ~~in each case~~ to one of the connected television receivers for activation of the respective television receiver and/or for selection of a television channel on the respective television receiver based on the channel number.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The system according to one of the claims 1 or 2, wherein the telecommunication network is a network based on Internet protocol, ~~in that the~~ and the playback module is set-up further configured to transmit the television signals, stored in the digital format, in streaming mode via the telecommunication network to the terminal of the user.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the controlling central unit is ~~set-up~~ further configured to encrypt the television signals, coded in the digital format, with a cryptographic key ~~in each case~~, prior to their storage, ~~in that~~ wherein the system further comprises:

an access control module ~~for generating~~ configured to generate access rights to the television signals, stored in the digital format, and for transmitting generated access rights, comprising the respective cryptographic keys, via the telecommunication network to authorized users, and ~~in that~~ wherein

the playback module is ~~set-up~~ further configured to receive access rights from users via the telecommunication network and, in accordance with the received access rights, to

transmit the encrypted television signals, stored in the digital format, to the ~~respect~~ respective user.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the playback module is ~~set up~~ configured to transmit the television signals, stored in the digital format, via the telecommunication network to the terminal ~~in each case~~ depending upon quality parameters of the terminal of the respective user.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the controlling central unit includes stored television program information, and ~~in that the~~ controlling central unit is ~~set up~~ further configured to receive from users as recording instructions via the telecommunication network identification data for telecasts and, in accordance with the received identification data, to store recording instructions, based on the stored television program information, with indications about television channel and telecast identification and/or starting time/ending time or respectively duration.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, wherein the controlling central unit is ~~set up~~ further configured to transmit, after successful storing of the television signals, ~~coded in digital format~~, in accordance with the stored recording instructions, an electronic ready message via the telecommunication network to the terminal of the user whose user identification is assigned to the respective recording instructions.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein the controlling central unit is ~~set up~~ further configured to erase automatically

television signals, ~~stored in digital format~~, after a defined period of time after their storage, and in that the controlling central unit is set up to transmit automatically, ~~in each case before~~ the automatic erasing, an electronic warning signal via the telecommunication network to the terminal of the user whose user identification is assigned to the respective stored television signals.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 8~~claim 1, wherein the controlling central unit is ~~set up~~ further configured to store only once, jointly assigned to the user identifications of the respective plurality of users, television signals, ~~coded in digital format~~, which have been received at a time and on a television channel which are identified through consistent recording instructions from a plurality of users.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The system according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 9~~claim 1, wherein the television receivers are ~~set up~~ configured to receive digital and/or analog television signals via cable television networks and/or via television antennas for terrestrial television broadcasting or satellite television transmission, and ~~in that the~~ controlling central unit and the playback module are each implemented on different computers connected to one another, the controlling central unit and/or the playback unit including memories for storing the television signals coded in the digital format.

Claim 11 (New): The system according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of television receivers and the plurality of coding modules are configured to receive and record television signals from different channels in parallel at the same time for two different users from said users.

Claim 12 (New): The system according to claim 7, wherein the ready message is a short message sent to a mobile device by the users.

Claim 13 (New): The system according to claim 1, wherein the instruction unit is further configured to extract the user identification by using at least one of an international mobile subscriber identity IMSI or a call number.